

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

FINDINGS

1. Authorization:

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

2. Minimum Need:

The District of Columbia Public Library supports Summer Reading through unique programming geared for children. These programs have specific topics, outcomes, and appeal that compliment the theme of summer reading as set by the Collaborative Summer Library Program, of which DCPL is a part. This year's unique theme for Summer Reading is "Dig Into Reading". This theme is being enhanced with programs that are designed to reach out to children and provide them with a unique experience they wouldn't otherwise have access to.

3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:

\$8750.00

4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:

- A.** Since 1974, Blue Sky Puppet Theater has been recognized as one of the finest touring children's theatres on the East Coast. Each of their 1,000+ shows per year is dedicated to excellence in theatre, art, education and fun.
- B.** Blue Sky Puppet Theater creates unique shows that reflect the theme of the Collaborative Summer Library Program. Their programs are literacy based, making them a highly sought after library program performer.
- C.** Blue Sky Puppet Theater has presented original summer programming in DCPL branches in the past. They have a large following in the community and their previous programs were well attended. DCPL staff is extremely confident in the quality of these programs.
- D.** Blue Sky Puppet Theater is performing 25 shows from June to August, 2013. Based on the number and frequency of programs Blue Sky Puppet

Theater will be presenting at the DC Public Library branches, this is a fair and reasonable price.

Therefore, Blue Sky Puppet Theater is the best and most cost-effective choice for this project.

5. Certification By the Contract Specialist:

I hereby certify that the above facts are accurate and complete.

Contract Specialist

Date

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the DCPL Procurement Regulations, 19 DCMR § 4320.7 I hereby determine that the award of a sole source contract for the services described herein is in the best interest of the D.C. Public Library.

Contracting Officer

Date